Production of rubber

1619. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantum of rubber produced in the country during the last three years;

(b) whether there has been an increase or decrease in the production of rubber during this period;

(c) the total requirement of rubber in the country; and

(d) the quantum of rubber exported/imported during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) to (d) It would be seen from the details indicated below that although the production of natural rubber is registering a regular increase yet the gap between demand and supply is met by resorting to imports as the natural rubber requirement (Consumption) is also increasing. Natural rubber is not being exported.

The figures of production consumption and imports of natural rubber are as under:—

(In Tonnes)

Year	Production	Consumption	Imports through STC
1985-86	200,465	235,440	38538
1986-87	219,520	257,305	40228
1987-88	235,000 (E)	287,480 (E)	41991

(E) Estimated

Deaths on Rail tracks and due to road accidents in and around Delhi

1620. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the number of persons killed in road accidents in Delhi during the last year;

(b) what was the number of deaths on rail tracks around Delhi during the last year;

(c) whether there has been an increase or decrease in these two kinds of accidents as compared to the years 1985-86; and 1986-87; and

(d) what are the details of steps taken by Government to prevent the occurrence of such accidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) 1271 (during 1987).

(b) 512 (during 1987).

(c) There has been no appreciable increase as would be evident from the statement attached. (*See* below).

(d) Steps like widening of roads, construction of sub-way service roads for cyclists, installation of traffic signals/blinkers, iron grills on pavements and traffic sign-boards have been taken by Delhi Administration. Attempts are made to educate general public about road safety rules through mass media, hand bills/pamphlets/exhibition of films etc. Traffic